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VIA E-MAIL

Mr. Thomas Poy, Chief
Ground Water and Drinking Water Branch
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard (WG-15J)
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

Dear Mr. Poy:

Thank you for your May 25, 2018, letter to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance Division (DWMAD), requesting updates on selected noncompliant drinking water systems in Michigan. The spreadsheet you provided identified zero Community Water Systems (CWSs) and 105 Noncommunity Water Systems (NCWSs) for us to comment on.

Of the 105 NCWSs:

- 29 water systems returned to compliance
- 71 are still out of compliance and are being given high priority for receiving guidance or escalated enforcement by the corresponding local health department in cooperation with the MDEQ
- Five have erroneous data recorded for them and the systems are in compliance

We attached our updated version of your spreadsheet to this letter and included comments on the status of each water system. An advance copy of the spreadsheet was emailed to your office last week. Updates and corrections on all 105 water systems will be provided in our quarterly Safe Drinking Water Information System update, due in August 2018.

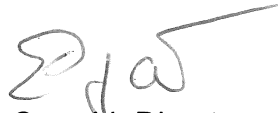
In your letter, you also identified 16 NCWSs the MDEQ should consider referring to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for escalated enforcement. Seven of them are high arsenic systems providing bottled water and with a "Do Not Drink" posting displayed anywhere people might try to obtain drinking water. New engineering reviews of these systems will be possible as recently hired staff are trained. At this time, we conclude there are not any other good candidates for referral to the USEPA as specified, case-by-case, in the enclosed modification of your spreadsheet.

Regarding lead Action Level Exceedances (ALEs), status updates were provided in the second spreadsheet as requested (attached).

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If you have further questions, please contact Mr. Dan Dettweiler, Supervisor, Noncommunity Water Supplies Unit, Environmental Health Section, DWMAD, by telephone at 517-614-8644; email at dettweilerd@michigan.gov; or by mail at MDEQ, P.O. Box 30817, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8311.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Oswald", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Attachments

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